

WINTER 2023



LEE COUNTY ELECTIONS

A MESSAGE FROM TOMMY...

With the 2022 election cycle behind us, we now look to this year's municipal elections. On March 7, our office will conduct the City of Sanibel and Village of Estero Regular Election for their Councilmembers.

Our office assumed the responsibility of managing Candidate Qualifying for the Village of Estero. Candidates submitted their qualifying paperwork the week of January 9 through January 13. The City of Sanibel's candidates submitted their qualifying documents to the City of Sanibel's City Clerk.

Residents of these municipalities will vote for their city council members. Councilmembers provide leadership, determine policies, and manage the city's finances, among other essential responsibilities. [Click here](#) to view the respective candidates.

I have an important reminder for all voters. Under Florida law, all Vote-by-Mail requests expired at the end of 2022. You must submit a new request if you plan to vote by mail in a municipal, primary, or general election through 2024. [Click here](#) to request a Vote-by-Mail ballot. The deadline to request a Vote-by-Mail Ballot for the Sanibel and Estero elections is 5 p.m., Saturday, February 25.

My office staff is growing to meet the needs of over 500,000 active registered voters. I hope you enjoy meeting the newest members joining the Lee Elections Team in this Newsletter. I invite you to stay connected with us on our social media platforms.

— *Tommy Doyle*



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In Florida, every election must have a Canvassing Board present to oversee the election process.

In municipal elections, the Canvassing Board consists of the Supervisor of Elections, a municipal Councilmember and their respective municipal Clerk.

Their duties include, but are not limited to, overseeing all public pretesting of the tabulation equipment used in an election, canvassing Vote-by-Mail and Provisional Ballots, certifying an election, and conducting post-election manual audits.

The City of Sanibel Canvassing Board: Supervisor of Elections Tommy Doyle, City Councilmember Mike Miller, and Deputy City Clerk Anna Hicks.

The Village of Estero Canvassing Board: Supervisor of Elections Tommy Doyle, Village Councilmember James Ward, and Village Clerk Carol Sacco.



Logic and Accuracy Testing

On Wednesday, February 15, our office conducted a public Logic and Accuracy Test (L&A) for the upcoming City of Sanibel and Village of Estero Regular Elections.

By state law, this test must be completed before every election to ensure ballots are printed correctly and the voting equipment is counting votes accurately.

Smaller-scale elections, such as municipal elections, must adhere to the same election laws and protocols applied when conducting major elections.

The L&A was overseen by the Canvassing Boards for the City of Sanibel and Village of Estero Regular Elections.



Poll Worker Training

Poll workers are the backbone of every election. Our office relies on poll workers to provide superior election services to voters during Early Voting and on Election Day.

Florida state law mandates all poll workers must have training before each election. Poll Worker training classes for the upcoming March 7 City of Sanibel and Village of Estero Regular Election begins on February 28.

Poll Worker training includes videos on “Conflict Management Skills for Election Workers” and “Serving Voters with Disabilities” to help provide poll workers with the tools to deliver the best voting experience for our voters.

The 2024 elections will be here before we know it! [Click here](#) if you are interested in becoming a poll worker in future elections.



IN THE WORLD OF ELECTIONS...



The Florida Legislature's 2023 regular session begins on March 7 and ends on May 5. Although the session has not officially started, legislation regarding elections is currently being submitted and is moving through various committees for analysis.

Lee Elections will track the session for proposed legislation that may affect election administration. We will be sure to keep you, our voters, informed and updated about any changes that will affect you.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



We welcome Noah Moore to our team as a full-time Voter Registration Coordinator after working with us as temporary election support staff during the 2022 election cycle.

Before joining our team, Noah was a college instructor in the Veterinary Assisting program at Southern Technical College. He also held several interesting positions in his previous professional career in medical research at academic, government, and military institutions.

Noah hails from the Northern VA suburbs of Washington, DC. He moved to Fort Myers with his wife, Jennifer, in the summer of 2020. This year, they will celebrate 20 years of marriage. They don't have any children, but they do have two cats named Mack and Professor Snugglepuss.

Noah enjoys numerous outdoor activities. He is an avid salt and freshwater fisherman, and you can often find him walking or bicycling. He also plans to add kayaking and paddleboarding to his list of activities this year.

Kim McKown has joined our team as a full-time employee and will serve our voters as a Voter Registration Coordinator.

She worked with us as a temporary election support staff during the 2022 election cycle, and we're happy to officially have her on board. Before joining our office, Kim was in the tanning industry and owned several businesses.

Kim grew up in Clearwater, FL, and moved to Fort Myers with her husband, Adam, in 2018. She is an excellent cook who loves to spend time with her family, which includes her 22-year-old son Trip, 24-year-old stepdaughter Rowan, and 18-year-old stepson Sam.

Kim is a collector of rare and limited edition books and has a variety of interesting hobbies that include shark fishing, interior design, and gardening. On some occasions, you may find her having a great time at the Seminole Casino!



STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Morgan Bradford has been integral to our Vote by Mail Board team through several election cycles. We are happy to welcome him as a full-time staff member.

He was born and raised in Orlando and moved to Fort Myers 23 years ago. Family is an intrinsic part of Morgan's life. He has one son, William, 21, and remains close to his ex-wife Carol, a brother, Martin, and his stepfather, Skip.

Morgan's previous jobs in customer support helped him develop the organizational skills that make him a good fit as a Voter Relations Coordinator for our office.

Morgan is a history buff who enjoys podcasts and watching the History Channel. He loves tinkering with and fixing random things, and enjoys playing the occasional video game with his son.

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